letters to the Chief Ministers of the States as also the Chief Justices of the High Courts from time to time requesting them to locate suitable persons from the Bar belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes, Minorities and Women for appintment as High Court Judges.

(d) There is transparency in the functioning of the judiciary.

**Suggestions of Law Commission for electrosl reforms**

121. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has made some suggestions for electoral reforms;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what it Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) to (c) The Law Commission has not made any suggestion to the Government on electoral reforms. The Commission, however, has circulated a working paper containing some proposals on electroal reforms for soliciting views of various political parties, Election Commission, Legislatures, etc.

**Introduction of Electronic Voting Machines**

122. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to make a mid-term updating of voter lists all over the country;

(b) if so, the methodology proposed to be adopted for the purpose;

(c) whether steps are being taken to introduce electronic voting machines and voting process in the entire country;

(d) if so, the target date fixed for the purpose; and

(e) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) The Election Commission has issued orders for a special revision of electoral rolls with 1.1.99 as the qualifying date. The process of Special Revision is scheduled to commence with the draft publication of the rolls on 10th April, 1999. In the States of MP and Tripura, the process of summary revision of electoral rolls has already commenced with the publication of draft rolls on 8th and 9th February, 1999. For the revision of electroal rolls in respect of Assam, Bihar and J&K, no decision has yet been taken by the Commission. The strategy to be adopted by the Commission for the aforesaid special revision, include:—

(i) organisation of special compaigns to assist electors in filing claims/ objections to the draft roll.

(ii) full complement of staff representing Electoral Registration Officer to be present at the designated locations.

(iii) intensive Awareness Compaign to inform and educate electors and political parties.

(iv) utilisation of computerised rolls as draft rolls.

(v) special compaign days scheduled to fall on Saturdays and Sundays.

(c) to (e) The Commission has already taken steps to use the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the conduct of elections. These machines have already been used successfully in 16 Assembly Constituencies comprising 2930 polling stations at the General Elections to Legislative Assembly of the States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi held in November, 1998. The Commission is keen to use EVMs at elections to the maximum extent possible. However, due to limited availability of these machines (1.5 lakhs EVMs), these can not to used in the entire country at present. No target date can be fixed for the use of EVMs in the entire country.

**महिलाओं को शीघ्र न्याय दिलाया जाना**

123. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे** : क्या विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगेकि: